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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Attached hereto as page 15, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(1)(iii) is a marked-up version of a specification paragraph showing the changes being made thereto. Attached hereto as page 16, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(1)(ii) is a clean version of the specification paragraph incorporating the changes being made thereto and containing instructions for replacing the paragraph in the specification.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-47 in their entirety and add claims 48-94 as follows:

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48. (New) An optical switch comprising at least a light transmission portion, an optical